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SUBJECT: MEETING OF ECE TASK TEAM ON EXCHANGE OF TRADE
DATA BY COMPUTERIZED TRANSMISSION

1. TASK TEAM 1.2 OF THE WORKING PARTY ON FACILITATION OF
INTERNATIONAL TRADE PROCEDURES OF THE ECE COMMITTEE ON THE
DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE MET IN GENEVA ON MAY 22-23. THE
SPECIFIC AREA OF INTEREST OF THIS TASK TEAM IS THE DIRECT
EXCHANGE OF TRADE DATA USING COMPUTERIZED TRANSMISSION.

2. THE TEAM IS CHAIRED BY MR. D. TRAFFORD OF THE UK AND
INCLUDES SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, FRANCE, FINLAND, POLAND,
AUSTRALIA, ROMANIA, GDR, FRG, UK AND THE US. IN ADDITION,
SEVERAL NGOS ARE REPRESENTED. THE BRITISH DELEGATION
PROPOSED A SYSTEM OF SYNTAX RULES FOR TRADE DATA INTER-
CHANGE WHICH HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED BY SITPRO IN THE UNITED
KINGDOM. A TEST OF THESE SYNTAX RULES WAS CARRIED OUT
BETWEEN A MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF SHIPPING
IN ENGLAND AND A LARGE SHIPPING COMPANY IN WEST GERMANY.
BOTH REPORTED THAT THE TEST WAS SUCCESSFUL AND EMPHASIZED
THE URGENT NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS BEFORE
COUNTRIES AND INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES ALL DEVELOP DIVERGENT
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SOLUTIONS. THE DELEGATIONS FROM FRANCE, NETHERLANDS, UK
AND IATA (INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION) REPORTED
THEIR RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND ALSO STRESSED THE URGENT NEED
FOR STANDARD SYNTAX RULES FOR DATA INTERCHANGE.

3. THE US DELEGATION PRESENTED A PAPER EXPLAINING OUR
SYSTEM OF ELECTRONIC DATA INTERCHANGE DEVELOPED BY THE

TRANSPORTATION DATA COORDINATING COMMITTEE UNDER CONTRACT
TO THE DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION. THE US DELEGATE STATED THAT
WE COULD NOT ENDORSE THE SITPRO SYNTAX RULES, BUT
ENCOURAGED ALL PARTIES TO WORK TOGETHER TO EVENTUALLY
PRODUCE A STANDARD INCORPORATING THE BEST FEATURES OF ALL
THE SYSTEMS NOW UNDER DEVELOPMENT. VANDEN HEUVEL

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